

REMARKS

Claims 23-31 were presented for examination and were pending in this application. In the Official Action dated July 13, 2005, claim 26 was allowed and claims 23-25 and 27-31 were rejected.

Based on the above Amendment and the following Remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections, and withdraw them.

Response to Rejection Under 35 USC 102(e)

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 23-25 and 27-31 under 35 USC § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by EP 1164511 A1 ("Griffiths"). This rejection is now traversed.

Dependent claims 24, 27, and 28 as amended now are dependent on claim 26, which the Examiner has deemed allowable.

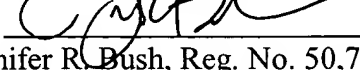
In addition, the subject matter deemed allowable by the Examiner has been incorporated into independent claims 29 and 31. New claims 32 and 33 are dependent on claims 29 and 31, respectively, and recite limitations already present in dependent claim 24.

Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that for at least these reasons claims 24, 26-29, and 31-33 are patentably distinguishable over the cited reference. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejection, and withdraw it.

In addition, Applicants respectfully invite the Examiner to contact Applicants' representative at the number provided below if the Examiner believes it will help expedite furtherance of this application.

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